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FRAME AND LOADING APPARATUS
FOR GROUPS OF BATTERY PLATES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 6, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Rewrite the Abstract of the Disclosure as on the
accompanying separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 2, insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is the 35 USC 371 national stage of Interna-
tional application PCT/GB97/01176 filed on May 1, 1997, which
designated the United States of America.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

between lines 4 and 5, insert the following
heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

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